



This satellite image of Hurricane Irma from Friday, Sept. 8, shows the eyewall just off the Florida coast. Much of the Florida Keys were destroyed by the storm.

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# Bearcat family takes sigh of relief

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Once the Category 5 storm passed through Sarasota, Florida, Northwest junior Shawn Bane Jr. could finally breathe.

According to NBC News, Hurricane Irma blew a maximum of 185 mph, sustained winds for 37 hours, the longest continuous intensity anywhere on Earth since records started being kept.

Since Bane is 20 hours away from home, the Sarasota native could only text, call and wait until Irma took its course. It wasn't until the Bearcat football player turned on his television that he could finally find peace.

"I was watching the news, and Sarasota's mayor said the eye of the storm was going just to the right of them," Bane said. "Just to see that, I was so thankful."

Bane has the only two receiving touchdowns for the Bearcats football team to go along with eight catches for 145 yards.

Northwest football coach Rich Wright said whether it be over 1,000 miles away or down the street at Bearcat Stadium, family will always be the No. 1 priority.

"When you're away from

your family, it can be stressful," Wright said. "We wanted to keep the line of communication open, and we wanted them all to feel like they had us. But that's what we preach to our kids; family."

There are many emotions rushing into the human mind when a family's livelihood is at risk. After learning that Irma had just missed his family of five, Bane's first reaction was an easy one.

"I thanked the Lord immediately," Bane said. "I just thank God. I thank God that he listens."

Irma generated the most accumulated energy of any tropical cyclone in the Atlantic tropics on record.

Though Bane took the field against Washburn Sept. 7, Hurricane Irma approached, and Bane's phone had never been more active since arriving at Northwest.

"Text messages, I was sending a minimum of 100," Bane said. "We would FaceTime on and off but at least five phone calls each day."

Though Wright said Bane is one of the more visible Florida natives on the team, others were impacted in a different way.

"I made sure I went around and personally talked to all my

Florida kids to make sure and call their parents," Wright said. "I recruit that west Florida area so there were a lot of people affected by the hurricane."

Other non-true freshmen athletes from Florida on the Northwest football team includes junior Anthony Lane, senior Wes Smith, sophomores Najeem Hosein, Jake Marshall and Myles Scott along with redshirt freshman J'Ravien Anderson, Blake Green and Don-te Felix-Glover.

Though many of the families are still recovering, no deaths have been confirmed, leaving the football team in a state of relief.

Bane's family prepared every possible way before Irma's impact could take effect.

"They did the best they could," Bane said. "Floating devices, sandbags. They even boarded up the house. But thank God it missed us."

Heading into Northwest's next road game against Nebraska-Kearney, Bane will use situations like this to motivate him to go further beyond the call of being a football player.

"It's definitely fuel to the fire, just knowing they are in the situation they're in, you can never take anything in life for granted."



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Rescue workers pass by the coast in boats in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, Wednesday, Sept. 13, in Big Pine Key, Fla.

# Northwest rallies together to raise money for Harvey relief

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The "Bearcats for Texas" effort raised \$2,507.93 with all donations being sent to the Northwest Missouri Chapter of the American Red Cross to assist victims of Hurricane Harvey.

The campaign, organized by the University Events Coordinator Gina Bradley, is composed of multiple student groups.

The fundraiser launched Aug. 31 at the first football game of the season for the Bearcats, and donations were collected through Sept. 8.

"Dr. J(ohn Jasinski) wanted to do something, so I asked him what ideas he had, and he said he had already heard of student organizations who wanted to help," Bradley said. "Several groups wanted to do something; we decided to combine efforts and do something for the American Red Cross."

Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Kori Hoffmann helped find volunteers to drive this project and work donation tables. Donation boxes were available for monetary donations at several home sporting events, the student organizational fair, the B.D. Owens Library and in the Student Engagement Center.

"There were some student organizations who wanted to help where they do service, and we were like 'hey if you want to help, here's an opportunity,'" Hoffmann said. "They went to help and they went to the meetings."

One of the students who wanted to help was junior Isaiah Conner of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

"My organization was wanting to help the people of Hurricane Harvey," Conner said. "I went to a meeting and they discussed we should have a fundraiser at the football game to help with Hurricane Harvey. My organization was willing to fill in and help as much

as we could."

Students and faculty were encouraged to donate whatever they could.

"Any little bit that you can donate is a big help," Bradley said. "If you can only give a quarter, that's still a quarter that they didn't have. I know students don't just have tons of money to donate, but if they can just drop a quarter or a dollar, every little bit makes a difference."

Conner hopes this fundraiser will motivate more student organizations to participate in similar fundraisers.

"I feel we had an excellent turnout and collected a good sum

TIPS FOR GIVING

A ProPublica article provides many details about giving after a disaster, but it makes three key points to keep in mind:

- Do your own research before giving to any group.
- Groups with strong local ties to their community can sometimes be the best option.
- You have a right to demand accountability of the groups you give to.

of money," Conner said. "I also believe that every little bit helps. It's the thought that counts. As people, we have to understand we don't have to give big to be a blessing to someone, a quarter a day will put a smile on someone's face."

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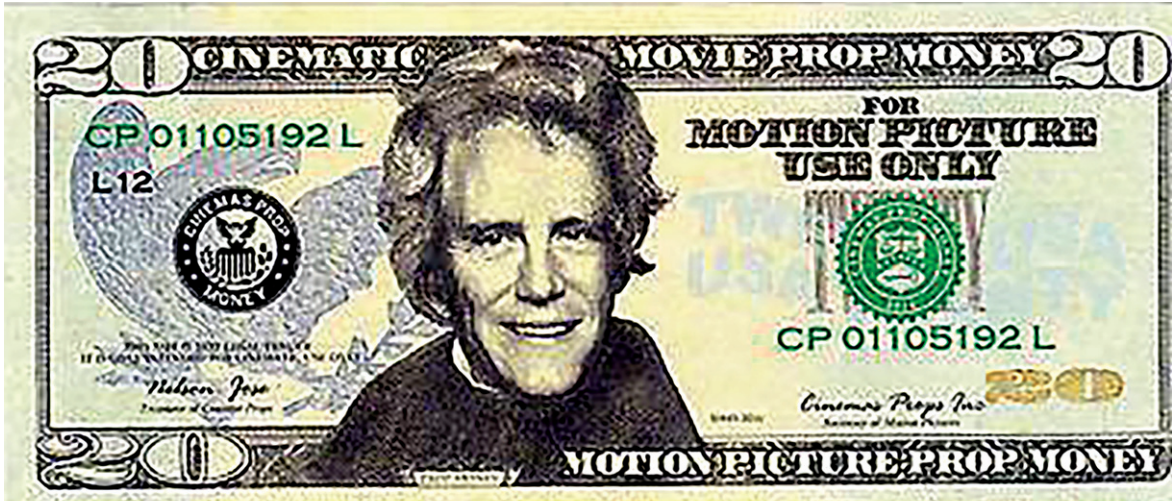
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Maryville Public Safety is warning businesses to check cash payments after a local business received a movie prop instead of a \$20 bill.

The incident occurred Sept. 3 and is the only known incident of counterfeit. Lt. Ron Christian believes they may have discouraged any individuals using the fake money after immediately warning the public about the scam after it happened.

“We made sure to post it on our Facebook immediately and to make everyone aware that someone had done this and hopefully to minimize any further loss,” Christian said.

The bill, which is believed to be a movie prop bill, has the same texture and color of any real \$20 bill. According to Christian, when placed with real money, it easily



COUNTERFEIT MOVIE PROP BILL WAS USED IN LOCAL MARYVILLE BUSINESS, MARYVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY WARNS PUBLIC FOR FUTURE USE OF BILLS.

blends in.

“Apparently when the business was counting out their till and getting ready for deposit, they noticed there was a bogus bill

in the mix so they notified us,” Christian said.

According to a Maryville Public Safety Facebook post it is believed there may be other denomi-

nations in circulation as well.

“Maryville Department of Public Safety would like to alert the community about a scam involving fake \$20 bills circulat-

ing around town,” the post said. “Businesses should be checking their money collected, and patrons need to check their money received. Other denominations may also be in circulation as well. When placed in a stack of other bills, the fake can easily be passed along.”

Law enforcement is now dealing with the issue of trying to figure out where the bill came from and if there will be more counterfeit money used in the future.

“The challenge we are facing now is we have no idea when exactly it was used, so we don’t really have any idea who did this,” Christian said. “It does seem like it was a one time deal, fortunately, and we haven’t had any more problems so far.”

Maryville Public Safety urges anyone with any information on this crime or any businesses who receive a counterfeit bill to contact them at 660-562-3209.

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# Maryville ranks among safest college towns

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Maryville continues its streak as one of the safest college towns for the third year in a row.

Maryville has been the only college town in Missouri to make the list of the safest college towns in America for consecutive years. This year, Maryville ranks No. 22 in the nation, raising them up from No. 28 last year.

Northwest has partnered up with the city, as well as the public safety department, to create programs to keep the town and campus safer.

City Manager Greg McDanel has been a key part of the partnering between the city and the

school.

“Overall communication and information exchanging is the biggest thing,” McDanel said. “Other items include jointly designing safer areas in town such as Fourth Street, which had CPTED principles used in design. It stands for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and includes things like the spacing distance of streetlights for facial recognition, etc.”

The city of Maryville provides multiple services that contribute to Maryville’s safety. Maryville has a Child and Family Center as well as The Source Free Health Clinic.

The center, developed in 2002, is a safehouse for victims and fam-

ilies for victims of sexual assault and abuse.

According to the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri, its goal is to empower victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault to make permanent changes to end the violence in their lives.

The Source Free Health Clinic offers free pregnancy testing, abortion counseling, birth control and STI testing and treatment. According to The Source website, the medications and treatments are free of charge.

The Northwest campus has many programs implemented to keep students safe.

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Tennis Singles Tnmt	Open	8/28/17-9/10/17	None	9/12/2017
Spikeball Tnmt	Open	8/28/17-9/10/17	None	9/14/2017
Badminton Singles Tnmt	Open	8/28/17-9/17/17	None	9/22/2017
Flag Football League	Sor., Fra., Men's, Womens, CoRec, Open	8/28/17-9/17/17	September 26th & 29th @ 8pm @ MH 101	9/24/2017
Disc Golf Tnmt	Open	8/28/17-9/24/17	None	9/27/2017
Cricket Tnmt	Open	8/28/17-9/24/17	None	9/29/2017
Kickball League	Sor., Fra., Open	8/28/17-9/24/17	September 26th & 27th @ 8pm @ MH 101	10/2/2017
Floor Hockey Tnmt	Open	8/28/17-10/1/17	None	10/5/2017
Racquetball Singles Tnmt	Open	8/28/17-10/8/17	None	10/12/2017
Punt, Pass, & Kick Tnmt	Open	8/28/17-10/15/17	None	10/17/2017
Mario Kart Bonanza Tnmt	Open	8/28/17-10/22/17	None	10/24/2017
Dodgeball League	Sor., Fra., Open	8/28/17-10/29/17	Oct. 30th & Nov. 1st @ 8pm @ MH 101	11/5/2017
Bubble Soccer League	Sor., Fra., Open	8/28/17-10/29/17	Oct. 30th & Nov. 1st @ 8pm @ MH 101	11/8/2017
Call of Duty WW2 Tnmt	Open	8/28/17-11/5/17	None	11/8/2017
Table Tennis Tnmt	Open	8/28/17-11/12/17	None	11/15/17

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# Strickland receives Governor’s Award

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Bearcat Marching Band director Katy Strickland was awarded the prestigious Governor’s Award for Excellence in Education.

Six other faculty members were also acknowledged in the Faculty Excellence Awards Aug. 23.

The Governor’s Award for Excellence in Education is given to one faculty member at each of Missouri’s five four-year public institutions.

Associate Provost Michael Steiner explains the nomination process for Northwest’s award starts with the Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching, which is given to one professor from the College of Arts and Sciences, and one professor from the University’s professional schools.

Steiner said the faculty award for teaching is based on student evaluations of the instructor, as well as evaluations from the faculty member’s peers and department chair.

The selection process is different for both.

“Each department within the College of Arts and Sciences makes a recommendation to the College Chair Council, and then the College Chair Council nominates an outstanding faculty member for teaching excellence,” Steiner said. “The six professional schools each make nominations to the Vice Provost Council.”

At the end of the process, two honorees are awarded for their outstanding teaching, one from the professional school and one from the College of Arts and Sciences.

This year’s winner was Strickland. Strickland is the director of not only the BMB, but the basketball pep band and a professor of music education and percussion courses. Steiner believes this is part of the reason why Strickland was chosen.

“[Strickland] has the opportunity in her job to teach in multiple unique environments, and when you look at student, peer and de-

partment chair feedback, she excelled in all of those areas,” Steiner said.

For Strickland, she attributes her success to a few key things, including her teaching style.

“I try to have, as much as possible, a democratic approach to teaching,” Strickland said. “I do not like standing over my students and pouring information into them. I’d much rather they become independent and not need me at all.”

Valuing student success is also attributed to Strickland’s success.

“I think for the most part they [the students] know that I am approachable and they think that I care about their well-being and the events in their lives. I care about their success and I think they appreciate that,” Strickland said.

The award is extremely validating to Strickland.

“It’s probably the single biggest honor of my professional career,” Strickland said. “The biggest honor is that I was chosen among what I consider to be a

large group of effective and excellent teachers at Northwest, and chosen by people who I respect very much.”

The other recipient of the Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching was Denise Case, assistant professor of computer science and information systems.

According to the University’s website, Case was honored for her extremely high student evaluation score. Case also redeveloped the web apps, services course and developed a new data systems intensive systems course.

There were four other faculty members honored. Both College of Arts and Sciences and the professional schools gave two other faculty excellence awards.

Those awarded with Faculty Excellence Awards were Assistant Professor Tyler Tapps from the professional schools, Professor Jawad Sadek from the College of Arts and Sciences, Jacqueline Lacy from the profession-



KATY STRICKLAND

al schools and Associate Professor James Eisner from the College of Arts and Sciences.

All of these people have something in common, as Steiner said.

“If you look at the comments on all of them they go right back to their University mission of supporting student success,” Steiner said.

# Retention rates at Northwest reach an all-time high

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Northwest had its all-time highest retention rates in the school’s history during the 2016-17 school year based on preliminary enrollment totals.

Although totals cannot be confirmed until the University’s official census is released Sept. 25, Interim Provost Jamie Hooyman said the administration’s efforts to raise retention rates have paid off.

“We have high retention rates, but it was a very purposeful, pinpoint effort to look at what we’re doing. We did a reorganization and restructure to put even more efforts into the area to help students be able to move from one semester to the next and one year to the next as well as graduate and get out into the workforce,”

Hooyman said.

Hooyman credited this achievement to student engagement opportunities, the faculty and the school’s atmosphere.

“Almost all of our programs have some kind of practicum, internship or work experience,” Hooyman said. “We’re one of the only two schools in the state that have a lab school for education majors. Journalism hits the ground running from day one.”

According to Hooyman, programs at Northwest are specialized for each individual.

“All of our programs are very personal about getting students engaged very early; we mix experiences into their freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years,” Hooyman said.

A study published in the Australian Universities’ Review, focusing on ways to improve student retention, found that student engagement was “a key factor in student retention.”

Hooyman also said the Northwest faculty’s focus on the individual contributed. Professor Sue Myllykangas emphasized how exceptional faculty are both as professors and as people.

“Faculty at Northwest are not only highly qualified and experts in their disciplines, they are also focused on student success and go above and beyond to assure this happens,” Myllykangas said.

Hooyman said the atmosphere at Northwest is not only a place of high expectations and challenges, but also a place that feels like

home. From a parental perspective, she said one of the appeals of Northwest is its safe campus. SafeWise ranked Maryville in the top 30 safest college towns in the country.

The administration is hoping to keep the momentum going after such an achievement with the help of the Student Success Center (SSC). Director of Academic Success and Retention Allison Hoffmann said the SSC’s services are essential to student retention.

“The Student Success Center is the centralized hub for academic success and supports learning and growth from orientation to graduation,” Hoffman said, “Our services focus on transitioning, advising, supporting and connecting students to maximize their academic

potential.”


Hoffmann said if Northwest continues with its personalized approach to student success, an even higher retention rate can be achieved, but Hooyman said to not forget to take a moment to celebrate the victories before moving on to new goals.

“We are extremely excited. Anytime you hit an all-time high, especially in something as vital to the University as retention and knowing what that means for a student, you need to pause and celebrate,” Hooyman said. “Eleven out of 13 of our national titles last year came from academics. I would say we’ve got a pretty good year going, and to focus on retention so we can have more of those successes is vital to our students.”

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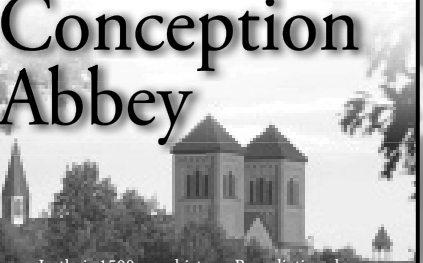


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# Natural disasters require both parties’ attention



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I was scrolling through some headlines during the height of Hurricane Harvey, and my heart dropped, but not because of what was happening to those affected (of course my heart goes out to them).

My heart dropped because of how a natural disaster, changing the lives of so many people in the blink of an eye, could not bring together those in Washington for the good of our nation’s people.

“Hurricane Harvey likely to provoke polarizing fights,” CNN said.

“Ryan Says Trump Cut Deal With Democrats to Avoid Partisan Fight Over HurricaneAid,” writes The New York Times.

“The Bubble: Even disaster can’t bridge our partisan divide,” USA Today said.

Why?

Whatever happened to putting party agendas aside when it came to assisting people in times of disaster?

Deep down, I would love to believe setting aside the politics would be easy to do when disaster strikes.

But the headlines listed, and others not included, say otherwise.

The reality is, people do not care where the aid is coming from when they’ve lost everything. Do you think people are sitting on top of whatever is available as a raft thinking, “I can’t accept this money, it’s sponsored by Democrats.”

If the people on the ground who have lost everything they own don’t care, why should our elected officials?

It’s easy.

It’s because the extremes in both the Democratic and Republican parties spend too much time yelling at each other in this echo chamber of nothingness, unwilling to just listen to the other side.

Nobody seems to want to listen anymore. It’s the most depressing thing about the state of

politics today.

I long for the days where bi-partisanship was a forgone conclusion in times of a national crisis. Yes, I know, the partisan divide eventually reared its head back up. But this didn’t stop either side from coming together to aid those in New York.

I just want the extremes happening on both sides to stop. I want both sides to actually sit, discuss and listen to each other on whatever issues they disagree agree on.

These hurricanes have shown me how reluctant the people we elect can be.

Ultimately, I don’t want there to be a repeat of what we’ve been given the past couple years because I fear the day disaster strikes me and I’m left to wait on the government to figure things out.

Only to not get any help because the adults in Washington don’t want to listen to what each other have to say. Hopefully, things begin to self correct soon, before it is too late for those in need.

## OUR VIEW:

# Florida students need us now

The CNN notification continuously dropped down the screens of iPhones and retreated into the notification bars.

Hurricane Irma’s expected arrival was 8 a.m., and everyone tuned in to see it all happen; to witness the force that was Irma.

However, people were still in Florida with no place to evacuate and waiting for one of the biggest hurricanes in history to sweep them away.

There were probably people who had family or friends living in other states who were sure to help.

We have friends from Florida; we know people who live by the coast.

As local news channels show tracking maps of Hurricane Irma along the West coast of Florida,

the cities our friends’ loved ones were in came to mind; Sarasota, Tampa, Jacksonville, West Palm Beach.

How can we show support to our peers? A simple text, ‘I’m praying for your family’? An over-the-top fanfare of encouraging and inspirational words?

Some have probably done these things, but nothing anyone can do or say seems to remedy the feeling of helplessness.

Our peers needed more than just few friendly words and our pity; they need a community. Yet, where are the supportive actions from the community, or even on campus.

Everyone was waiting for the actual damage to happen. Waiting to see as a part of the country is torn apart, silently grateful for

the 1,162 miles making them immune to the effects of the coming catastrophe.

While students not affected by the storm simply wait to hear it has passed, other students anxiously wonder if their immediate family will find a safe haven from the coming wreckage.

It is not an option to withhold support for our fellow Floridian friends and peers just because we have yet to see the damage.

We know the possible damage; we have seen the damage in the Caribbean and now is the time to stand together.

Let us be that emotional, mental and spiritual support to our peers during their time of need instead of hurried and rather careless condolences after the destruction.

# Involvement crucial to college life



**JAMES CHRISTENSEN**  
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As new members of the Northwest community, you might not know many people. The best way to get introduced to the Northwest vibe is to join an organization on campus.

According to Bearcat Link, there are over 150 organizations on campus for students to join. These groups range from student government to LGBT support groups and cater to a variety of interests.

I arrived here as a kid from a small town, so joining a community of this size was kinda of scary to me, and I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life.

It was not until the organizational fair where I learned more about what I was interested in. I discovered some of the organizations at the fair led me to my closest friends at Northwest.

The friendships that grew from these groups are still a big part of my life and have influenced some of my major decisions. I would not be at this point of my college career if I had not expanded my horizons and joined clubs on campus. There are clubs for just about everything including Harry Potter, Cards Against Humanity and clubs dedicated to just spending time with dogs. If there is not a club for you, create one. All you need are three members and an advisor.

Being involved brings you into the Northwest community and gives you a sense of belonging. As a new student you may still be overwhelmed by the campus. At the same time, just staying in your room and acclimating to the new environment is cutting

you off from the wonderful opportunities that clubs provide.

Clubs provide you a chance to meet new people and have a much needed break from your academic work.

If you are not sure what kinds of clubs you are interested in, make a list of things you find interesting and try to find organizations that align with those interests. If you are interested in student government look into Student Senate or RHA. If you love dogs, try Camp K-9, a club dedicated to training dogs and working with the New Nodaway Humane Society.

There is a club for almost every single interest. Some are major specific, while others are geared more toward recreation. I made the mistake of spending my whole first semester of my freshman year just staying in my room not meeting people. I would not even eat in the Union because I did not know anyone. That changed when I joined a couple of clubs, I spent more time outside of my room and actually had people to sit and eat meals with.

Finding something you are passionate about can help you find a place at Northwest. It is what kept me here at Northwest instead of leaving and going to a school closer to home.

My friends have helped me find a family and get outside of my residence hall and into the community.

While you may be a little bit nervous at the first meeting just give it a chance, and stick with it.

You cannot spend all of your time sitting in your room working on homework. You need to get out and spend some time discovering our community and find a group of people that make you feel like you belong. So get out there and find something that makes you feel excited to be here.

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Construction taking place Sept. 12 at the Maryville Regional Airport for renovation of the apron, an essential feature for airplanes to tie down to after landing on the Regional Airport strip.

# Local airport undergoes renovations

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The Northwest Missouri Regional Airport is undergoing a \$1 million apron rehabilitation project that started Sept. 5 and will last 75 days.

This project consists of a full replacement of the concrete apron where planes tie down af-

ter landing, following a \$4 million runway replacement completed last year. According to Assistant City Manager Ryan Heiland, this project is essential.

“The apron pavement is failing due to factors of age, weather and other factors,” Heiland said. “The result is that the apron pavement was developing potholes and large cracks with pieces of

concrete coming loose. This had the potential to damage aircraft and create dangerous situations.”

According to City manager Greg McDanel, the city was able to secure a state grant to primarily cover the costs of this project.

“The project is 90 percent funded through a State Block Grant through the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Avi-

ation Division and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and 10 percent locally funded by the City of Maryville,” McDanel said. “The project cost is approximately \$1,085,000.”

According to Heiland, the airport is an important asset to the city of Maryville, making it crucial to invest in order to keep the airport functional and safe as well

as attractive and inviting.

“We have seen an increase in business travel and jets to the airport over the past year,” Heiland said. “Having quality facilities will ensure that the airport continues to be utilized by people that are looking to visit our community and in turn do business with local companies, shop locally, and eat in our local restaurants.”

# New support group helps international students flourish

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Missourian Reporter | @mnoelnoite

International students at Northwest now have a safe place to share stories, cultural practices, receive support and feedback from fellow students.

International Affairs Coordinator Ashley Henggeler said Bearcats Beyond Borders: International Student Support is a program intended to help international students transition to life at Northwest and in the United States through a support group or group counseling.

According to Henggeler, the group is designed to be a safe space where international students can share what is going on in their life and hear from fellow students about tips and tricks to help them transition to life in at Northwest.

The conversation is facilitated by University Wellness Center Counselor Courtney Koch, who the International Involvement Center has worked with to designate topics each month to help

drive the conversation.

“When students come to the United States from other countries, there is a lot of culture shock,” Henggeler said. “Our international students cannot easily go home for the weekend when they are feeling homesick or overwhelmed, so it is nice to have a good support network for them.”

Graduate student Jaswanth Kumar Jonnalagadda, applied computer science major from India, has not been a part of Bearcats Beyond Borders, but greatly supports the group and praises its importance.

“We’re new here,” Jonnalagadda said. “We start off knowing nothing about the U.S.”

According to Jonnalagadda, everything here is different-from the language to the time, even which side of the road people drive on. Jonnalagadda said a support group like this would allow students to teach others what they have learned about the culture here and to help others be more aware of their surroundings.

The Bearcats Beyond Bor-

ders meets once a month in the B.D. Owens Library, with the next meeting scheduled for Oct. 3 at 4 p.m.

“September’s conversation centered around settling in to Northwest and Maryville,” Henggeler said. “October will focus on managing stress, November is about differences in the United States’ educational system versus their home country and December will center on learning how to navigate the semester break.”

Students that are interested in more information or have questions are urged to contact Wellness Services at 660-562-1348.

Jonnalagadda personally does not find himself homesick very often because he has made so many good friends here.

However, he would definitely consider attending the group meetings if sharing his experiences here so far could help others.

“We need help to be successful here in the United States,” Jonnalagadda said. “So a support group like this is much needed.”

## Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

- Aug. 31**  
There was a closed investigation for liquor law violation in Willow Apartments.
- Sept. 1**  
There were 7 closed investigations for liquor law violations at College Ave.
- A summons was issued to **Matthew Slominski**, 19, for driving while intoxicated on University Drive.
- Sept. 7**  
There was a closed investigation for liquor law violation at Lot 41.
- Sept. 8**  
This is an open investigation of property damage at Lot 10.

## Maryville Public Safety

- Aug. 31**  
A summons was issued to **Brady Kuhlman**, 25, for driving with a suspended license and failure to register a motor vehicle.
- Sept. 3**  
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at Mazingo Lake Beach.
- There is an ongoing investigation for burglary at the 1400 block of East First St.
- Sept. 6**  
A summons was issued to **Bryan Savala**, 50, for stealing at the 300 block of Vista Lane.
- Sept. 7**  
A summons was issued to **Ashton Badenell**, 20, for minor in possession at the 2000 block of South Main.

## SAFE TOWN

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The Safe Ride program was developed in 2004. Safe Ride was designed to decrease intoxicated driving situations. Since the program was developed, DUI rates have dropped by 60 percent among students.

In addition, there’s also the Green Dot program. Developed in 2016, the program was designed to reduce violences such as including stalking, sexual assault and partner violence.

According to Green Dot’s website, a green dot is any behavior, choice, word or attitude that sends the message violence is not OK with you.

By doing green dots, you help set the norm that violence is unacceptable and everyone is expected to do their part to keep

our community safe.

Senior Devin Williams has been around long enough to experience the safety changes on campus.

“Being half blind I feel great about (Northwest being the safest college town),” Williams said. “Also law enforcement and school officials seem to partner up the two equally to keep campus and city folks safe. They treat it as an all inclusive thing instead of segregating city and campus.”

In the past few years, Greek Life has undergone revisioning to help fight against the stereotypical hazing associated with Greek Life.

“Greek Life helps with safety as well,” Williams said. “They enforce anti-hazing policies and in every chapter there’s a risk management chair that keeps respective chapters from doing any criminal activity.”

McDanel credits the safety of

the town to the efforts of everyone joining together.

“The ranking is a testament to law enforcement agencies in the community,” McDanel said. “We (the city) want to thank Maryville Public Safety, the University Police Department, Nodaway County Sheriff’s Office, Missouri Highway Patrol, and the various support services such as Maryville Partners in Prevention, Children & Family Center of Northwest Missouri and the Nodaway County Prosecutor’s Office.”



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# HOROSCOPES



**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, don’t let plans that don’t come to fruition discourage you. Many of your plans will fall into place, and there is plenty of time to think of others. Keep dreaming away.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
People close to you may be keeping secrets, Taurus. You don’t know the reason they aren’t telling you everything, but chances are you’ll get the full story soon enough.

**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**  
You might feel as if your mental wiring is about to expire, Gemini. It could be time to shut the circuits down and let your brain recharge its batteries.

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, expect this week to go smoothly as you put in a lot of time and effort. Extra effort will pay off in the days ahead, and others will begin to notice.

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, when you speak with your friends, your imagination runs wild with all the prospects of things to do. Narrow down a few of the best ideas and put them into action.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, whether you are dating someone new or have been with your partner for years, this week your love life will be top notch. Enjoy all the special moments you experience.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Everyone wants something you possess, Libra. It’s not a material object, but self-confidence and common sense. Continue to exhibit the same passion you always do.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, you are prone to sticking to the familiar and things that might not provide much of a challenge. This is the week to try something new.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, it’s great to have many helpful, supportive people in your corner. These supporters are with you at every turn. Show them how much they’re appreciated.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Attention to detail can make or break a project for you, Capricorn. Even if it takes more time, focus on the smaller picture when working this week.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, your way with words this week is simply outstanding. You can persuade someone to support your position, even if he or she was once opposed to the idea.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, sharing your feelings right now can strengthen a relationship. Be sure that this is the direction you seek before uttering any words.

# GUESS WHO

I am an actor born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 7, 1978. I was in “That 70s Show” and hosted “Punk’d.” I was also in the movie “Jobs” and have been told that I look like Steve Jobs. I have two siblings and wanted to help one of them out by trying to get a degree in biochemical engineering.

Answer: Ashton Kutcher

I am a billionaire born in Omaha, Nebraska, Aug. 30, 1930. I will not give all of my money to my kids so they will have to work for their wealth. I have stated my intention to give away my fortune to charity. I am really close to Bill Gates.

Answer: Warren Buffett

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Cereal grain
- 5. Small constellation
- 8. Pouch
- 11. Beef comes in these
- 13. Chest muscle
- 14. Maine city
- 15. Salian
- 16. Int’l fraternal organization
- 17. Greek god of war
- 18. Canadian harbour
- 20. Firearm
- 21. Deities
- 22. North, Central and South
- 25. After the 16th
- 30. Used in herbal medicine
- 31. Whale (Norwegian)
- 32. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 33. Insect appendages
- 38. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 41. Small Arab monarchy
- 43. Former U.S. President
- 45. Short-lived, slender insects
- 47. Forms after a cut
- 49. Fuel
- 50. Made of wood
- 55. Whale ship captain
- 56. Small bed
- 57. Supreme being
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- 64. Famous cartoonist

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### CLUES DOWN

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- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Rhythmic patter in Indian music
- 4. Invests in little enterprises
- 5. Highest point
- 6. Incomes
- 7. Poisonous plant
- 8. Period in astronomy
- 9. Passed with flying colors
- 10. Professional certificate
- 12. Dublin college scholar
- 14. Heroic tale
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. \_\_\_ student, learns healing
- 24. Beloved golfer Rodriguez
- 25. Car mechanics group
- 26. Not the start
- 27. Engage in a contest
- 28. Energy-saving module
- 29. Within reach
- 34. Forms adjectives
- 35. Snitch
- 36. Data executive
- 37. Hostelry
- 39. Helps people see
- 40. “MASH” actor Gould
- 41. Bridge building degree
- 42. Moreover
- 44. Spoke
- 45. Volcanic craters
- 46. Swedish rock group
- 47. \_\_\_ Veda: liturgical chant
- 48. Former footballer Ochocinco
- 51. Swiss river
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- 53. Italian Island
- 54. Catches
- 58. Baseball stat

# LAST WEEK’S SOLUTIONS

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# NERF THIS

## Tactical Nerf Nerds transitioning to Maryville

MICHAEL CRIFE

A&E Editor | @MikeCripe

This is not modern warfare, as both Tactical Foam Warfare (TFW) and Tactical Nerf Nerds (TNN) focus on bringing communities together to strategize and battle in all-out Nerf-gun wars.

TFW, a St. Joseph-based organization, has been up and running for around four years and shows no sign of stopping.

The idea is to grow to a large enough group of members and regular attendees to create thunder dome type battles in a more private setting than TFW's typical public park.

On the smaller and newer side of things is TNN, a spin off group focused on growing the same principles responsible for building TFW. Having only been around

Pickering decided to create TNN. Thomas Newby also contributes by providing the blasters, ammunition and drinks to participants.

In Springfield, Missouri, a similar organization has managed to garner the type of core membership TNN and TFW have been looking for. The group is headed by Rob Lear, someone who Thomas Newby looks to when running TFW.

"Rob Lear of thunder dome in Springfield, Missouri has a documentary about how nerf can change your life," Thomas Newby said. "I cannot recommend this documentary enough to anyone who cannot understand why adults would want to run around with dart guns. It's is more than that. It is a community of acceptance, friendship and a silly fun escape from a sometimes depressing reality."

Northwest's own Humans vs. Zombies does share some qualities with TFW and TNN as well.

President of Humans vs. Zombies junior Isaiah Cook says he is interested and excited in what the upcoming TNN has to offer. Cook said the group's presence will at least get more attention from the community, hopefully driving others to get involved.

"Our groups have already had some contact and we have discussed using some of their supply of blasters for our off campus events, where we can use blasters," Cook said. "We have also discussed ways to get the ban of blasters on campus lifted and have linked our Facebook accounts in order to better spread awareness of TNN and TFW."

One of Humans vs. Zombies' standard members, sophomore Taylor O'Brien, says he would love to join up with TNN when they manage to make it over to Maryville. O'Brien said the campus setting of Humans vs. Zombies, while interesting, can be limiting too.

"If another group like Humans vs. Zombies was made, I'd gladly join," O'Brien said. "It's not like the groups would be competing with each other unless they tried to play at the same time."

Bringing together community for TFW and TNN does not end with gaining new members. The groups are looking into fundraising more as their member numbers rise.

Everyone wins in fundraising scenarios, and it is all for a good cause. Somehow, organizations such as TFW and TNN are pushing the boundaries with what fundraising can be, and they're making it fun too.

As of now, TFW and TNN have only managed to have one fundraiser, but their steady growth is a hopeful component of increasing fundraising options for the future.

The choice to make fundraising a more central part of what TNN



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and TFW does seems natural, so seeing both organizations support more fundraising is unsurprising.

"So far TFW has done one fundraiser/food drive for a Saint Joseph little food pantry and I hope to do more fundraisers in the future," Thomas Newby said. "I'm sure we will do them in TNN for Maryville once we are a little more established."

Everywhere both Nerf toting groups have been there are people coming together.

The communities each group has built are sure to continue growing, especially considering TNN's upcoming Maryville presence.

Those interested in joining are advised to get connected via either group's Facebook page.

“The ultimate goal of TNN is to have an organization where everyone can feel welcome and involved. That is the beauty of Nerf. We want to show Nerf is not just for people that, what most people want to consider, are nerds or dorks.”

-Andrew Pickering

for three months, TNN is just getting its boots on the ground. For now it resides in St. Joseph, but founder of the group Andrew Pickering hopes to move operations to Maryville as soon as a wider audience is reached.

"The ultimate goal of TNN is to have an organization where everyone can feel welcome and involved. That is the beauty of Nerf," Pickering said. "We want to show Nerf is not just for people that, what most people want to consider, are nerds or dorks."

Pickering goes on to explain how Nerf and its community changed his life. He hopes he, TFW and TNN can impact others the way it has impacted him.

"Since having the Nerf community in my life I have been able to be more confident," Pickering said. "I have suffered from depression. The Nerf community makes you feel like there are not only people that care, but there are also other people out there with the same problems. It gives us another form of support for each other. Yes we use Nerf blasters, but it is more than that."

Both groups have a huge focus on bringing community members of all ages together. This mission is so strong in TFW it encouraged Pickering to start his own group with TNN.

Thomas Newby, one of the two presidents of TFW, was there when

Running a growing group is not all perfect, sometimes it is a seemingly impossible task according to Thomas Newby.

"The hardest parts can be keeping people focused on certain goals and getting people back on the field after a winter break," Thomas Newby said. "Carrying the sheer number of blasters and equipment can sometimes be daunting as well."

Thomas Newby describes his arsenal as if TFW is prepared for a Nerf apocalypse.

"The amount of blasters, darts and game equipment I typically like to bring for TFW does not fit in my cavalier. It takes an SUV to haul it and the entire bed of my truck if I was to bring my entire arsenal. As TNN grows Andrew may have this same issue, though I will always help," Thomas Newby said.

The Copresident of TFW is Thomas Newby's wife Samantha Newby. She not only helps with TFW, but she works together with her husband to balance whatever task is at hand.

"One of the easiest things is being out there and watching the kids/adults have fun," Samantha Newby said. "I love to see Tom running around and being a big kid with the rest of them."

Thomas Newby said the only other organization sharing similar characteristics is a medieval fantasy warfare group in St. Joseph.



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## Check out Tactical Foam Warfare and Tactical Nerf Nerds on Facebook



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# Org Fair offers students opportunity

**SARAH VON SEGGERN**  
Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

For both transfer students and freshmen, the Organization Fair was an opportunity to understand Northwest organizations on a more personal level as active members talked about various activities.

While students flocked to the bell tower, either actively searching for a club to join or simply passing through, members of organizations were busy handing out flyers and looking for new recruits. Some even called upon their cats and dogs to promote their organization while others kept the fair lively with music and candy.

Rachel Dibbins is a senior member of the Northwest Missouri State Show Me Gold Program. The program works in unison with the military and they use the organizational fair to gain more members.

“The organization fair... allow people to put a face to a name,” Dibbins said.

The interactions between a member and a student help build a stronger understanding of what an organization represents, leaving a lasting impression for both parties.

The organizational fair is an easy way to get to know what club

to join while also acting as a gauge on how many students are interested in joining an organization.

Most organizations are looking for more participation within their club and are always searching for potential recruits. The fair helps organizations by giving them an easy way to talk and interact with students about what they do as members.

The Veg Club is one of the few new organizations starting its first year here at Northwest. This club focuses on the lifestyles of vegans and vegetarians with an emphasis on animal activism, but is inclusive to all students.

President of the Veg Club Junior Hannah Just is looking for interested and like-minded students. She thinks the organizational fair will really help her with recruiting.

“New members can expect to meet and hang out with other vegetarians and vegans,” Just said. “They can also get information on how to live a plant based diet if they don’t already. Also new members (if they choose to) will get the chance to do animal activism such as leafleting and contacting corporations.”

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Student Senate executive board members speak to Matt Horner, junior, during the organization fair Wednesday, Sept. 6.

# Dance Company taps into new talent

**ABBEY HUGO**  
Reporter | @TheMissourian

The Northwest Dance Company held fall auditions Sept. 5 and 6. Dancers of all backgrounds flocked to join what has been described as not only a dance company, but a home.

NWDC is a student run organization creating an inclusive environment where anyone can have the opportunity to dance.

“The environment at NWDC is just really welcoming; there is always a friendly face. It is the most nonjudgmental group I’ve ever been a part of,” Vice President Faith Casel said. “It is the most fun thing in the entire world.”

For some, NWDC is an outlet for a passion they have cultivated their entire life and for others it is the perfect opportunity to try dance

for the first time.

“It is for anyone, whether you have 10 years of dance experience or zero years of experience,” Casel said.

President Rollens Hardy said she joined NWDC because she had been dancing since she was three and was not ready to stop.

As a student run organization, NWDC provides a collaborative atmosphere where dancers are encouraged to share their individual style and flare.

Freshman Gabby Wagner was ecstatic to see what could be gained from working alongside such a talented and diverse group of peers.

“I love getting to see different choreographers’ techniques and what they have to offer in different styles of dance,” Wagner said.

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ANNASTASIA TUTTLE | NW MISSOURIAN  
Senior Angela Luna, second from right, learns a couples routine during her audition for Northwest Dance Company Sept. 5.

# Speakeasy brings smooth jazz to Northwest

**MEKA WRIGHT**  
A&E Reporter | @\_yafavRedHead\_

Sweet and smooth jazz poured through the Novel Grounds of the B.D. Owens Library Sept. 8 as Northwest faculty mixed and mingled through the transformed speakeasy.

The Novel Grounds had been transformed into a dark and sultry club. The band, a subset of the Northwest Jazz Ensemble, who call themselves The Northwest Jazz Combo, produced a series of mellow melodies from the far side of the room; their backs to the glass windows. The basic round tables, usually used by studying students, were now decorative

nightlife tables, embroidered with jewels, feathers and flasks of various colors.

Faculty moved from corner to corner, taking photos of themselves with friends next to the 1920s automobile cutout and enjoying the many specialty appetizers, as well as mixed drinks from the cash bar. While some faculty members arrived dressed as is, most were clad in their best 1920s attire. The women wore sparkling cocktail dresses, and feathers and boas. The men accompanied their flare in fedora hats with bow ties and suspenders.

A night filled with excitement, fun and time-travel was more than a mixer for faculty only, it was also a fundraiser for Northwest

students in need. The Pay-It-Forward Fund is an emergency fund for students struggling financially. The fund gives those students options to continue to succeed financially as well as academically.

Assistant Professor Carolyn Johnson, and event creator floated through the party, ensuring that the event was going smoothly, but also enjoying herself.

“The staff council and myself helped get everything together tonight,” Johnson said. “This was just a wild idea I had earlier this spring.” Johnson smiled endearingly around the room, satisfied with the library transformation.

“An army of faculty and staff helped put the room together, in about an hour after the library

closed if you can believe that,” Johnson said.

In fact, it was quite hard to believe, as Novel Grounds was almost unrecognizable.

Glowing lights of red and green illuminated the four column in the room, accompanied by saxophone-playing silhouette cutouts. Fellow students moved around the room as waitresses, carrying trays of lemonade and water. Led by Professor Bill Richardson, The Northwest Jazz Combo switched the tempo for mellow to upbeat and lively, creating a surge in energy through the room. The party was in full effect as the last of the invited faculty filed through the door.

Vice President of Diversi-

ty, Equity, and Inclusion, Juanita Simmons was in attendance as well. She danced around the room, mingling with her colleagues, and shedding light on the purpose of the night.

“This night is for our students who need a little help,” Simmons said. “Unfortunately, our fund was not big enough to accommodate to all of our students needs... we won’t turn them away, so we’re here collecting donations.”

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is definitely living up to its department name; making sure no student is under represented or left behind and the amount of support from faculty across the entire campus is evidence of the care our professors place onto their students.

## THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants you to find your balance this semester

Your Bearcat wants you to find balance

It’s college, you want to party, stay out till 4 a.m. and even put off your homework until the last minute I get it, I wanted to do this when I first started my time here, but I received a rude awakening when the first round of exams hit.

I failed three exams in one week and I went from doing well to almost failing three classes.

It was then I realized I need to get my act together and start studying. I cut back on the partying and actually opened my books.

I know, shocker, but the books actually taught me something. I made sure I went to class, I got there early, I asked questions and joined a study group.

The change this made in my academic life was surprising. I actually enjoyed going to class and

learning more about my major and what I could do with it. The biggest thing I can stress to you, Bearcats, is not to give up. When times get tough, hunker down and keep on working hard. Do not let your failures define you. Let your successes show the world you are a force to be reckoned with.

While academics are important, having fun should also be a part of your life. Make time to spend time with your friends, join clubs you are interested in and make time to do something by yourself.

You need to find a balance and set a schedule that works for you. Make time to study and prepare for your exams with enough time to still ask questions.

No one wants to be the guy who emails a professor an hour before the project is due saying they

have no idea what is going on.

Bearcats, you need to have a balance between the things that matter and fun. While it may be fun to go out and drink four or five times a week, your academics need to come first; it is why you are here at Northwest.

It is likely you are paying a great deal of money to be here. By failing your classes, the money you are spending is going to waste. I still make time for fun, but my academics have to come first. This is a warning to all new Bearcats: actually go to class, use your resources and do not be afraid to ask your professors questions.

Stay strong this semester, Bearcats.

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Maryville football players ran onto the field alongside future Spoofhounds before the team bounced back from its first loss since 2011. No. 5 Maryville (3-1, 1-1 MEC) defeated Bishop LeBlond 51-6 Sept. 8.

MARYVILLE  
CONTINUED FROM A12

The defense also forced two Bishop LeBlond turnovers, intercepting one pass while recovering one fumble.

“It doesn’t matter what the score is on the scoreboard,” Webb said. “The intensity and enthusiasm when you score (or get a take-away) should be enjoyed.”

Maryville improved on all sides of the game against Bishop

LeBlond. The biggest bounce back stories come from Walker and Mark Zahnd.

Walker improved from his 64-yard showing against Chillicothe, completing 60 percent of his passes for 135 yards and one touchdown.

“We wanted to prove to everyone and ourselves that we are still a good football team and we are still here to compete,” senior running back Zahnd said.

Members of the team also took a chance to appear in the commu-

nity in the two days following the game.

Senior lineman Jalen Sundell and junior running back Tyler Houchin participated in the Heart and Sole 5k.

Athletes also took the chance to stand outside the Ford Drive One fundraiser for Spoofhound athletics.

Showing themselves around the community gives the chance to give back to the fans which support them.

“The community is very im-

portant to us,” Webb said. “Everybody supports each other. That’s what makes Maryville special. It’s important to do things as a team and help out our community.”

Maryville’s next MEC matchup is against Cameron Sept. 15. The Dragons (0-4, 0-2 MEC) are winless this year, and have not won a game since week one of the 2015 season.

The Spoofhounds defeated Cameron twice in 2016, outscoring them 162-14. Preparation is no

NEXT GAME
<b>Cameron @ Maryville</b> Sept. 15 @ 7 p.m.

different than any other week, as Maryville works to improve game by game.

“We can be beat,” Zahnd said. “We aren’t the best. We have to work hard, we have to grind to do it. That’s our goal. Take it one step at a time.”

NORTHWEST  
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It will be the Bearcats third straight week of contending against an offense that shows no familiarity.

“It’s just different,” Wright said. “It’s a triple option attack none the less and you get a little bit of everything.”

This week when Northwest places its streak on the line, the historically dominant Northwest defense will need to contain the Loper’s top two offensive weapons.

Sophomores Steve Worthing and Thomas Russell are the heart and soul of a brand new spread style triple-option instituted by new head coach Josh Lynn.

While Worthing runs the quarterback position in the shotgun, Russell will receive the majority of pitches along with redshirt freshman Dayton Sealey as the third option.

The Lopers are No. 8 in the conference in total rushing yards (294). The Bearcats will use any ex-

NEXT GAME
<b>Norwest @ Nebraska Kearney</b> Sept. 16 @ 2 p.m.

tra practice they can get as Northwest returns to its normal schedule of Saturday football.

“We did get an extra day but it is nice to get back to normal,” Wright said.

Though Kearney’s offense is a new weapon in the making, it’s the Loper’s defense that may give Northwest’s struggling offense some trouble.

Through two games, Nebraska-Kearney holds the best rushing defense in the MIAA, holding teams to 108 total rushing yards.

Quarterback Zach Martin will be the Bearcats most efficient go-to in the Northwest passing attack. The senior holds a 72.7 percent completion percentage, earning him the No. 1 spot in the MIAA and seventh in all of Division II football.



Junior cornerback Anthony Lane (left) and senior quarterback Zach Martin (right) both played intricate roles in Northwest’s 20-14 victory over Washburn Sept. 7 at Yager Stadium.



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ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Jack Richards



The junior centerback led the Bearcats with nine tackles (five solo, four assists) against Washburn Sept. 7. He was one of the key parts of the safety forced by the Bearcat defense in the first quarter.

Hallie Sidney



The freshman outside hitter was named to the Quincy University All-Tournament team. She finished the weekend with 32 kills, 26 digs, and 10 blocks.

SPOOFHOUNDS



Thomas DiStefano



The senior scored five goals in the Spoofhound’s 6-1 victory over Savannah Sept. 11.

Blake Springer



The freshman went 4-7 with five RBIs in two games against North Nodaway and Chillicothe for the Spoofhounds.



# Spoofhounds slip into losing column



ANNASTASIA TUTTLE | NW MISSOURIAN

Maryville Spoofhound freshman Serena Sundell spikes the ball Sept. 12.

TRENT SPINNER

Chief Reporter | @trentspinner

Maryville volleyball aims to get back on track as coach Marissa Felt falls into her first small slump as the Spoofhound coach.



The Spoofhound's suffered their first losing skid as they battled Midland Empire Conference foes and top tier state competition.

Spoofhound volleyball continued its recent string of bad luck as it faced off against Midland Empire Conference rival St. Joseph, Lafayette. The Fighting Irish took command of the match early taking a 25-16 victory in set one.

Though Maryville was down, they weren't out. Led by junior Vanessa Klotz, the Hounds rallied to even the match at one set a piece. Klotz accumulated three kills on the way to a 25-22 win in the second set for the Spoofhounds.

The final set was the finishing blow to Maryville as they lost 25-21 to make it two straight MEC losses in a row.

"We need to focus on a lot of team stuff and all the attitudes in practice," Klotz said. "We also need to get back good servicing that is such a big thing to us and then get that first pass and going off of that."

Though the two game stretch of losses in conference play seems to be a red flag after the hot start to the season, coach Felt sees it as a new beginning.

"Now we can just go in with nothing to lose," Felt said. "I felt like we kinda had a target on our back for a while, coming out of those two games we have nothing to lose and we can go out and play hard."

Playing hard with a touch of determination is a key concept to every aspect of Felt's coaching style. Felt's core style was stressed to the max this week as

the Spoofhounds worked toward their toughest test, not only on the season, but in Felt's career. It was a test of major magnitude as the Spoofhounds faced off against the number one volleyball team in the state, the Northland Christian Trailblazers.

"The girls knew that this team was number one in the state of Missouri, but that didn't matter, we just went through practice like a normal game," Felt said. "As far as hard work and determination, I kept it the same all the way through the practices."

The highly anticipated match-up proved to be just that as the Trailblazers took the first set in dominant fashion 25-2. The second set was a little closer, but the Spoofhounds still proved to be no match for Northland Christian as Maryville fell 25-11 to finish off the match in two sets.

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# Volleyball rebounds after sluggish start to season

JAMES HOWEY

Cheif Reporter | @how\_eyseesit

After a lackluster opening weekend, Northwest Volleyball found some offensive rhythm that was missing during the previous tournament.



The Bearcats went 3-1 in the Quincy University tournament by way of going back to a 5-1 system for the weekend. Northwest's hitting percentage was a .197 in their four games and coach Amy Woerth gained some valuable information about her team.

"We answered a lot of questions in our brains as far what direction we want to build when it comes to the systems that we're running," Woerth said. "Our offense was just more efficient at what they were doing and it was nice to be able to see our ability level more on the offensive side."

Woerth admitted her team's style is predicted to have one main setter on the court, but she also stated that her team would not abandon the two-setter system this season.

"We're probably built more for the 5-1 than the 6-2 but that doesn't mean the 6-2 won't ever work," Woerth said. "It's some-

thing we'll keep working on and our parts have just got to get better and they will as we go throughout the season."

In the tournament, Northwest swept both Quincy and Wayne State 3-0 as well as defeating Minnesota State University Moorhead 3-1.

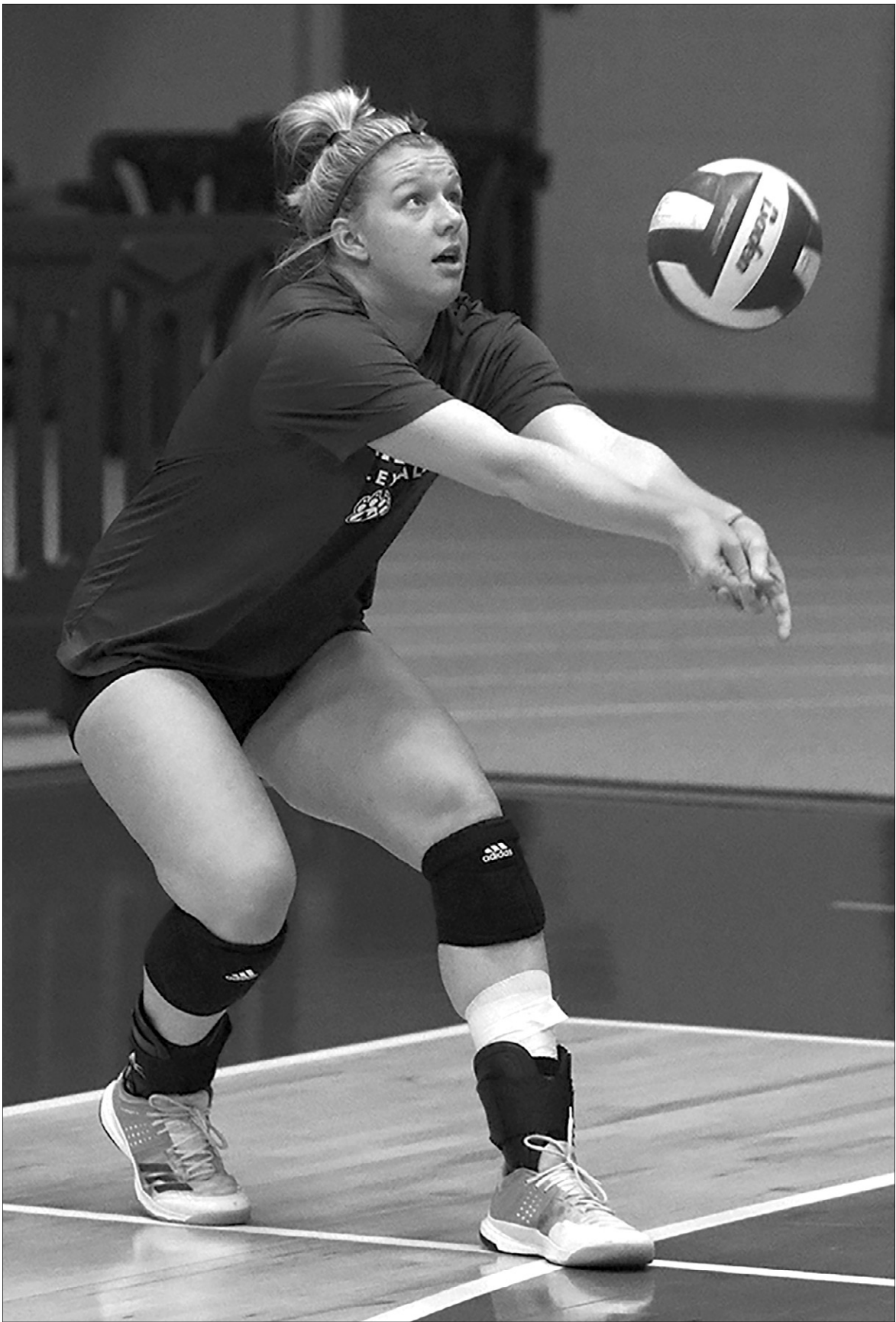
The squad's only loss was to McKendree University 3-0. Woerth said the tinkering of her team's lineup early in the season is important in revealing what works for her team.

"I wanted to see what parts we have and to mess around with different lineups to see how it is all going to work," Woerth said. "The depth that we have was spread a little thin when we're in that 6-2."

Freshmen duo Morgan Lewis and Hallie Sidney have been standouts early on for the Bearcats. Both players put up productive and diverse stats. Sidney is third on the team in kills with 49 and Lewis is fourth with 46 on the season. The abilities of both players bring a unique skill set to Northwest.

"Offensively, I think they can get the job done and they hit at a high level," Woerth said.

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Northwest Junior Maddy Bruder bumps the ball during practice Monday Sept. 11.



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## NW FOOTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	2-0	2-0	
Fort Hays State.....	2-0	2-0	
Central Missouri.....	1-1	1-1	
Central Oklahoma.....	1-1	1-1	
Emporia State.....	1-1	1-1	
Lindenwood.....	1-1	1-1	
Missouri Western.....	1-1	1-1	
Nebraska Kearney.....	1-1	1-1	
Pittsburg State.....	1-1	1-1	
Washburn.....	0-2	0-2	
Missouri Southern.....	0-2	0-2	
Northeastern State.....	0-2	0-2	

## NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma.....	8-1	0-0	
Nebraska Kearney.....	7-1	0-0	
Central Missouri.....	6-2	0-0	
Lindenwood.....	6-2	0-0	
Washburn.....	6-2	0-0	
Missouri Southern.....	5-3	0-0	
Emporia State.....	4-4	0-0	
Missouri Western.....	4-4	0-0	
NORTHWEST.....	4-4	0-0	
Fort Hays State.....	4-5	0-0	
Pittsburg State.....	2-6	0-0	
Southwest Baptist.....	0-8	0-0	

## NW WOMEN'S SOCCER

MIAA STANDINGS		Overall	MIAA
Central Missouri.....	4-0	0-0	
Missouri Western.....	4-0	0-0	
Northeastern State.....	4-0	0-0	
Fort Hays State.....	2-0-2	0-0	
Emporia State.....	3-1	0-0	
Lindenwood.....	2-1	0-0	
Nebraska Kearney.....	2-1-1	0-0	
Washburn.....	2-1-1	0-0	
NORTHWEST.....	1-1	0-0	
Southwest Baptist.....	1-2-1	0-0	
Missouri Southern.....	0-2-2	0-0	
Central Oklahoma.....	1-3	0-0	

## MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS		Overall	MEC
Chillicothe.....	4-0	2-0	
Smithville.....	4-0	2-0	
Lafayette.....	4-0	2-0	
MARYVILLE.....	3-1	1-1	
Bishop LeBlond.....	2-2	1-1	
Cameron.....	0-4	0-2	
Savannah.....	0-4	0-2	
Benton.....	0-4	0-2	



# Bearcats to host for first time in 10 years

**JOSH REXROAT**  
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For this first time in a decade, Northwest tennis will host a fall tournament. The Northwest men and women's tennis team had a strong tournament at Drury University in Springfield last weekend. Both squads are home this weekend as they host their first fall Northwest Invitational in 10 years. "We're excited, we have some great teams coming in," coach Rosewell said. "We haven't had a



fall tournament in some time, we used to host the ITA Regionals every year, but it got too big for us, and now with our new courts, we are excited to play on it." This will be the third tournament of the season for the Bearcats. The Bearcats started their season at Emporia State Sept. 1 and 2. The Bearcats then went to Drury University Sept. 15 and 16. Junior Rahul Manohar won the men's No. 1 and No. 2 tournament. Manohar is a transfer this year from India, and it was his first tournament as a Bearcat. "I'm excited for this season," Manohar said. "I've already had two

years of college tennis experience; I'm prepared for the home games and the rest of the season. I'm excited and happy to have a home tournament in such a long time." The women also had a strong outing in Springfield. Freshman Irene Recueno went 2-2 over the weekend. "Irene, just coming in, played well over the weekend," Rosewell said. "There were good teams down there, and she played well against that competition." The Bearcats traveled to Springfield to play Drury University and Washington University. Drury University is ranked No. 16

in the nation with Northwest right behind them at No. 17. Washington University is a Division III school and is ranked No. 6. "We played well over the weekend; we never back down from a challenge," Rosewell said. "If you're getting better in the fall season, that is all we are after." The Bearcats will host three teams in their home invitational. Southwest Baptist, a rival of the Bearcats, will be attending, along with Washburn University and the Missouri Western women's team. The Southwest Baptist men's team is ranked No. 18 just under the Bearcats. Northwest, South-

west Baptist and Washburn are ranked in the top three respectively in the Central Region, but Missouri Western is not ranked. For the women, Southwest Baptist is ranked No. 22 and second in the Central Region. Washburn is ranked sixth in the region. Northwest and Missouri Western are not ranked. The Bearcats have good opponents for their first fall home tournament in a decade and players are excited for the opportunity.

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# Tennis still searching for perfect lineup recipe

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Maryville girls' tennis continues to search for the perfect lineup. Throughout the season, coach Nicole McGinness has moved around a lot of the girls to try and find the most effective doubles and singles lineup. The steady switching of the lineup has yet to disrupt the team's play as they are 5-0 as a team outside of tournament play and 6-2 overall. The next three matches will provide McGinness with the opportunity to solidify what role everyone will play heading into the conference tournament.



able to come and support that you knew; I felt like that helped," Hall said. Despite the home stretch, the schedule does not get any lighter for the Spoofhounds who will face a tightly packed schedule heading into the conference meet. With only two matches this week, McGinness said rest is a major factor. "This week is our down week and we've got two home matches," McGinness said. "Next week we've got a home match and an away match along

with the conference tournament." The conference tournament is the next major event for the team, but taking it one match at a time is what McGinness, Hall and the rest of the team will focus on these next couple of weeks.

NEXT GAME
<b>Cameron @ Maryville</b> Sept 14 @ 4 p.m.



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Spoofhound sophomore Addison Hall serves up the ball during their match with St. Joseph Lafayette Sept. 7 at the High Rise Courts.



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# Sophomore faces uncertain future

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For Northwest soccer, a certain sophomore’s time in the United States may run out following a ruling from the White House.



At age 2, midfielder Natasha Samudzi was brought to the United States from Zimbabwe.

Moving to America brought hope to Samudzi’s family along with opportunity. Now the agenda has rescinded, the feeling of hope has dwindled away.

President Donald Trump announced his choice to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy Sept. 5.

The program was originally put in place by the Obama Administration to protect minors, as well as those protected by the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) act.

The act has protected nearly 790,000 unauthorized minors from being deported. Qualifying for this program, Samudzi said the policy has helped her live the typical life of an American.

“DACA has helped me get to where I am in so many ways,” Samudzi said. “It’s helped me obtain a driver’s license, working authorization, social security and overall a chance of hope to living life here in America.”

Coach Tracy Hoza has not only helped Samudzi become the athlete she is today, she also understands what it is like to be an immigrant. Hoza is a native of Limerick, Ireland and played college soccer at the Division II level. Hoza said the experience can be more difficult than it appears.

“It has been hard on her,” Hoza said. “I’ve lived through something similar and it’s hard. Natasha has held herself very well, she’s been very open which a lot of people didn’t know. The same is very true of a lot of the DACA students. I think that has helped her and our friends have helped her get through this.”

With Hoza being an immigrant, she has first hand experience with the toll it can take. Samudzi

said she is thankful for all of the encouragement that she has received from Hoza and her teammates. The recognition by her team has helped bring them together.

“Coach Hoza has been very supportive and for that I cannot thank her enough,” Samudzi said. “She is there with me every step of the way and always making sure that I am doing fine, same goes with the girls. Now I think they are realizing a close friend and teammate is affected by the decision and they are being very supportive to me as well.”

Along with the support from her colleagues, Samudzi has received support from the University. Communicating and letting her know they cared went a long way for Samudzi.

“The University has done more than I could imagine,” Samudzi said. “Even the simple step of reaching out to me and making sure that I am alright was more than enough. They have also let me know they are staying in touch with the news and keeping an eye out on this issue and are thinking of me.”

The steps Northwest has taken to reach out to her convinced her she chose the correct University. Samudzi has felt the embrace of the Northwest family that they preach during recruitment.

“They have led me to believe in many ways that I, for sure, made the right choice on going to school here with their constant support and reassurance,” Samudzi said. “They too are not giving up and are going to fight as well.”

While being apart of the soccer club, off the pitch Samudzi has been able to continue her own version of the American Dream. The programs have done nothing but help in her pursuit of happiness.

“Right now I am currently working on an on campus job in the library a couple times a week, being able to get an education, playing soccer and having a chance of happiness,” Samudzi said. “DACA has done nothing but positively affect my life and what I can only hope, my future.”

During these uncertain times



Sophomore midfielder Natasha Samudzi looks for an open player to pass in a 3-1 loss to Rockhurst Sept. 6.

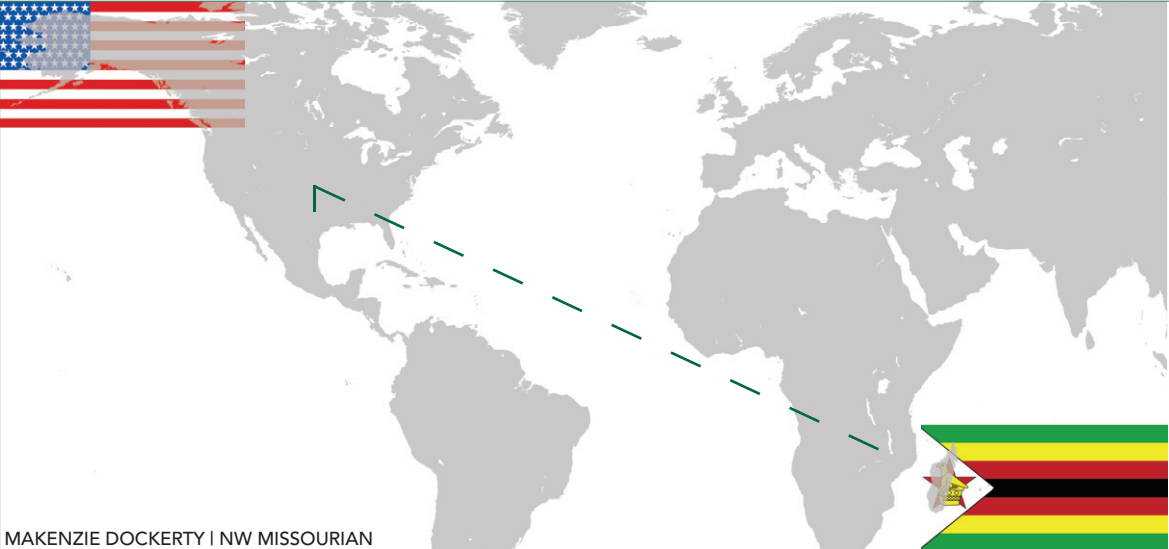
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Samudzi said she doesn’t expect for her life to be altered in any way.

She continues to fight for her life and have a positive outlook on the situation.

“I hope to see that other people and students under this act don’t lose hope,” Samudzi said. “Now is the time more than ever to come together in every way possible and be there for one another. I expect

my education and soccer career to continue here at Northwest successfully as it has been. I expect people to keep fighting for what is right and to not give up.”



MAKENZIE DOCKERTY | NW MISSOURIAN

## Natasha Samudzi Midfielder Career Stats

Games Played	Shots on Goal
12	2
Minutes Played	Shots
167	3

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# Webb strives to re-energize sideline, grow team bond

**JOSEPH ANDREWS**  
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An extra piece of energy can be spotted across the Maryville sideline through the rest of the season.



A plain tin trash can with “juice” painted in green stood beside the flock of Spoofhound football athletes against Bishop LeBlond Sept. 8. The meaning: creating positive energy on the sideline.

“The kids have fun with it,” coach Matt Webb said. “It should be an enjoyable sport. I think we want to improve that.”

Webb introduced the idea in practice Sept. 5. It stood as an idea to re-energize the team following the team’s first loss since 2011.

Following a touchdown or takeaway, members of the team celebrate by air dunking the trash can. Air dunking has been seen in past seasons, but the concept reached a new meaning.

“In practice (Coach Webb) actually came out and showed us how to do it,” senior quarterback Will Walker said. “He threw one



Spoofhound running back Mark Zahnd darts past Bishop LeBlond Sept. 8 during their 54-6 win. Zahnd finished the game with 102 yards and two touchdowns.

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down; it was really funny.”

Maryville (3-1, 1-1 MEC) had plenty of chances to make use of the juice box in a victory over the Golden Eagles.

LeBlond (2-2, 1-1 MEC) led the Spoofhounds 6-0 early following a hook and ladder pass

from senior quarterback Sean Davis to senior running back Jacob Raczkoowski. The sideline did not panic and proceeded to score 54 unanswered points.

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# ‘Cats set to face new triple-option attack

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For the third consecutive week, Northwest football will face a completely different offense.



The No. 1 Bearcats (2-0, 2-0 MIAA) will take its 32-game win streak into Nebraska-Kearney (1-1, 1-1 MIAA) in hopes to pick apart its third straight week of strategic MIAA offenses.

This time around, the defending national champs will aim to spoil the Lopers homecoming festivities.

“We love to play on homecoming dates,” coach Rich Wright said. “Its an incentive builder but I’ll make sure to talk to our players about it.”

Against Emporia, the Bearcats had to keep their eye on junior quarterback Braxton Marstall and the Hornets fast aerial attack.

Versus Washburn, the Northwest defense had to play four physical quarters of rough and tough football, trying to slow down one of the most physical teams in the conference.

“We found out we were going to get people’s best shot,” Wright said. “I feel like it was a good first road test. We got it out of the way.”

The Ichabods gave Northwest all it could handle. Along with giving Northwest its closest game in two years, the Bearcat defense had to play without two key starters including key defensive end Bobby Gruenloh and defensive tackle Caleb Mather.

Without the pair of seniors, sophomore Spencer Phillips and freshman Samuel Roberts stepped up.

“A great take away from that game is a bunch of young guys got a lot of experience against a very physical team,” senior safety Edward Richey said.

The two up and coming Bearcats finished with five total tackles combined.

Through the Bearcat’s first two opponents, senior captain Richey has managed to rack up nine total tackles and three for a loss.

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